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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Legislation of Concern to CIA

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1. As you know, we are opposed to S. 1887 and H. R. 8371, basically on the grounds that we oppose any limitation on the President in carrying out his responsibilities for the conduct of foreign affairs. I am not sure that we need to make a lengthy statement in this connection, but if we need to we can probably go back and use some material in the Attorney General's opinion given to us in connection with the Bay of Pigs.

2. We have given you our thoughts orally and several drafts in connection with S. 2224. This goes to the heart of the present struggle between the Senate and the executive branch and the debate now going on before Senator Ervin's Subcommittee of the Judiciary. Since the issue is basically one of executive privilege, it may be that we should coordinate any response with the Department of Justice. If you believe this is desirable, I would be glad to get in touch with Bill Rehnquist, who would, I think, be the key figure there.

3. S. 18 and S. 2254 do not seem to need any further comment at this time. We have also discussed S. 2231 and, while I am against it as being an open wedge to further budgetary information, it may be difficult to develop a strong rationale on our position.

4. S. 2251, S. 2252, and S. 2253 are not our responsibility, although the Department of State has asked us to comment on its response to S. 2253, and we may be asked to comment on responses to the others.

5. We have no comment on S. 2290.

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6. Please call me or [REDACTED] for any further discussion or comments on any of these bills.

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